



April 21, 2008

Mark Miles
Director
State Historic Preservation Office
1101 Riverside Drive
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Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

RE: Project No. TCSP-5905(802)
Park Central Streetscape
Springfield, Missouri

Dear Mr. Miles:

The City of Springfield is respectfully submitting the enclosed application and supporting documentation for the above referenced project for review pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The City requests that a determination of eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places be made.

Enclosed is a hard copy of a PowerPoint presentation that outlines the past iterations of the square with historical context and photos of the Square and surrounding buildings. Per your request during your site visit on February 27, 2008, staff accessed the Halprin archives related to this project at Architectural Archives of the University of Pennsylvania. Enclosed is a narrative prepared by Butler, Rosenbury & Partners, Inc. that contains information gathered from the archive. Upon the City's review of this information, we have determined that Lawrence Halprin himself had no personal involvement in the current design of Park Central Square outside of the design coming from his company. A copy of an article published in the April 18, 2008 edition of the Springfield News-Leader is also included, in which independent research done by reporter Wes Johnson reached the same conclusion. This news article includes an interview with George McLaughlin, the LHA project manager who "designed and supervised the working drawings" for the Square as well as the fountain. In light of the research presented, it is the City's opinion that the current Square design is not historically significant.

The City of Springfield requests that an expeditious review be performed to make a determination of eligibility. In the event it is determined that the Square is potentially eligible for listing in the National

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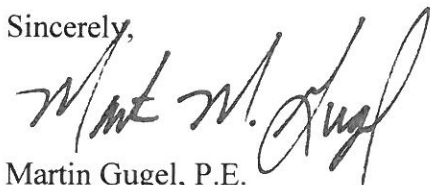
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Register of Historic Places, I have enclosed a preliminary set of construction plans for the Park Central Square improvements for your use and review.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (417) 864-1020 or at the email address listed below.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: Section 106 Application with maps
Photos of the square and surrounding buildings
Hard copy of PowerPoint presentation detailing history of the Public Square
Narrative on Lawrence Halprin & Associates' involvement in the current square design
Newspaper article from April 18, 2008 Springfield News-Leader
One (1) set of 50% Construction Documents

Cc: Judith Deel, Archaeologist, State Historic Preservation Office
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